

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A resin gear comprising:

 a rim having teeth on an outer periphery thereof;

 a hub for receiving therein a driving shaft, one end portion of the hub having a key receiving portion for engaging a key of the driving shaft; and

 a web extending in radial directions to connect said rim to said hub,

 wherein said key receiving portion has a side wall for preventing relative rotation of the key to the hub, and a bottom wall for allowing the key and the hub from being positioned in directions parallel to the driving shaft, and

 a portion of said web surrounding the hub and key receiving portion is arranged so as to be shifted from the bottom wall of the key receiving portion toward a contact portion in which the key contacts the side wall of the key receiving portion.

2. (original) A resin gear as set forth in claim 1, wherein said contact portion is arranged between a plane, which includes one surface of said portion of said web, and a plane which includes the other surface of said portion of said web.

3. (original) A resin gear as set forth in claim 1, wherein said contact portion is substantially arranged on a plane which includes the center of said portion of said web in thickness directions and which is parallel to said portion of said web.

4. (original) A resin gear comprising:

a rim having teeth on an outer periphery thereof;

a hub for receiving therein a driving shaft, one end portion of the hub having a key receiving portion for engaging a key of the driving shaft; and

a web extending in radial directions to connect said rim to said hub,

wherein said key receiving portion has a side wall for preventing relative rotation of the key to the hub, and

a contact portion, in which the key contacts the side wall of the key receiving portion, is arranged between a plane, which includes one surface of a portion of said web surrounding the hub and key receiving portion, and a plane which includes the other surface of said portion of said web.

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